

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2008. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 7, 12, and 17 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claims 1-10, 13-17 and 18-20 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

Many of the dependent claims were are amended for non-statutory reasons: to correct one or more informalities, remove figure label number(s), and/or to replace European-style claim phraseology with American-style claim language. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 7-9, 12, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Application No. 2003/0134650 to Sundar et al. in view of U.S. Application No. 2003/0065817 to Benchetritet. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites, *inter alia*, as follows:

"A communication method ... to bilaterally switch communication between the WWAN and a WLAN via a mobility supporting module suitable to use with a mobility control module ...

wherein the mobility supporting module determines whether to switch between the WWAN and WLAN based on user location by providing updated WWAN and WLAN address information via one or more encapsulating techniques." (emphasis added)

At the bottom of page 3 of the present Office Action, the Examiner admitted that Sundar does not disclose or suggest "establishing [a] mapping relationship between WWAN address and the WLAN address of the mobile terminal." The Examiner relied on Benchetritet to cure such deficiencies.

However, Benchetritet fails to disclose or suggest "[a] communication method ... to bilaterally switch communication between the WWAN and a WLAN via a mobility supporting

module suitable to use with a mobility control module” and/or “wherein the mobility supporting module determines whether to switch between the WWAN and WLAN based on user location by providing updated WWAN and WLAN address information via one or more encapsulating techniques,” as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

Specifically, as understood by Applicant, Benchetritet teaches a method and a system for conveying sets of data between a private network and a public network via a parallel linkage (page 2, paragraph [0017]). However, Benchetritet does not teach or suggest a mobile terminal having a mobility supporting module for updating WWAN and WLAN address information based on user location, as does the present disclosure. In other words, in the present disclosure, the mobility supporting module is a central location that collects data for determining data transfer and data access between the WWAN and the WLAN. Support for such feature can be found at least at page 7, lines 17-27 and page 10, lines 10-13 of the present disclosure.

Independent Claims 7, 12, and 17 include similar limitations to those of Claim 1, and are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 1.

Dependent Claims 8, 9, and 18, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claims 1, 7, 12, and 17. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claims 8, 9, and 18 and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6, 10, 11, 13-16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundar et al. in view of Benchetritet, and further in view of U.S. Application No. 2005/0053034 to Chiueh. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent Claims 2-6, 10, 11, 13-16, 19, and 20, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claims 1, 7, 12, and 17. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to dependent Claims 2-6, 10, 11, 13-16, 19, and 20 and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

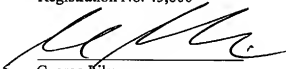
If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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